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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

Claims 1-5. (Cancelled).

 6. (Previously Presented) A n 	nethod comprising:
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- executing a program statement of a main program to perform a particular functional operation by

 identifying a corresponding functional program using a resource identifier and by specifying an entry

 point into one of the overlay spaces:
- using the resource identifier to identify a corresponding functional program to perform the
 particular functional operation;
- 7 loading the functional program into an overlay space specified by the specified entry point by:
- 8 loading the functional program into a specified overlay space assigned to
 9 program functions having similar performing tasks; and
- 10 loading the resource identifier into a register and reading the register to call the
- 11 functional program into the specified overlay space; and
- 12 executing the functional program in the overlay space.

Claims 7-8. (Cancelled)

- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein executing the functional program also
- 2 includes calling at least one other functional program, in which functional programs are nested for
- 3 overlaying.
- 1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising returning to the main program
- 2 after executing the functional program in the overlay space.

Claims 11-19. (Cancelled)